

rowing up and down it. Master Simpson proposed to Amintor, by way of amusement, to get into the boat and row about, by which means they should also have a better view of the garden on the banks of the canal.

To this proposal our little shepherd readily agreed, and in they both got. They rowed about some time with a great deal of pleasure, and 'Squire Simpson and his lady, together with their daughter and pretty Florella, were looking out at one of the dining-room windows to see how prettily the little boys amused themselves.

This scene of delight, however, was soon changed; for Master Simpson letting his oar go into the water, he leaned so far over the boat, that in he went sprawling into the canal. Our pretty little shepherd, determined to save him at all events, sprung up, and leaping to the side where young Simpson fell in, gave

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the boat such a shock, that over it went, and into the water he went also.

The 'Squire called out for help, the lady screamed dreadfully, and Miss Simpson and Florella run about the room almost distracted, not knowing what to do, or where to go. The canal was at some distance, and no servant near it, so that there was very little probability of saving the two poor boys.

It luckily happened that Amintor, though but a little boy, possessed great courage; and what was still more fortunate, he had learned to swim a little. So that, as soon as the boat was overset, instead of making the best of his way to land to save himself, he caught hold of one of the oars that was floating by his side, and made so dextrous an use of it, that while Master Simpson was throwing his arms about in struggling, little Amintor conducted the oar under him